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## **MEXICAN NATIONAL GUILTY OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS**

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 47-year-old illegal alien from Mexico has pleaded guilty to a federal immigration charge in the Eastern District of Texas. **CIPRIANO BARRAZA-CARRILLO** admitted to being an illegal alien who was found unlawfully present in the United States after having been deported to Mexico on three previous occasions before United States Magistrate Judge Judith Guthrie on Thursday morning.

According to information presented in court, in November 2005, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office contacted Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding Barraza, who was in their custody on state charges. ICE agents determined that Barraza was a Mexican citizen, an alien in the United States, who had been previously deported on October 6, 1989, October 22, 1991 and May 13, 2003. Barraza had been deported after two prior state drug convictions and had not received the consent of the Attorney General of the United States or his successor, the Secretary for Homeland Security, to apply for readmission to the United States since the time of his

previous deportations. He was indicted on the federal charge of being found unlawfully present in the United States after having been deported on April 4, 2006.

Barraza faces up to twenty years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set. Upon release from prison, the defendant will be deported to Mexico.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst.

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